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In re Application of:

Paul HABERMANN *et al.*

Application No.: 10/076,634

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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS,
AND PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCING PROTEINS SUCH
AS FUSION PROTEINS FOR THE
SECRETION OF A PROTEIN OF
INTEREST INTO BACTERIAL
SUPERNATANTS

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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for this application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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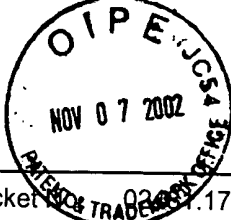
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	Thim et al., "Secretion and Processing of Insulin Precursors in Yeast," <u>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.</u> , 83: 6766-6770 (1986).

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